REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 101, 102, 104-120, 127-146.

Group II: Claims 103.

Group III: Claims 121-126.

In response, the applicants elect Group I, claims 101, 102, 104-120 and 127-146 without traverse. Non-elected claims 121-126 have been cancelled.

Applicants note that claim 103 bears a strong similarity to claim 102 included in Group I. In view of this similarity, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner add claim 103 to Group I, and examine it as part of Group I.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicant(s) request considerations of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

The \$120 extension fee is being paid via EFT Account. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 291958157US4 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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